

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-24 are active in the present application. Claims 2 and 10 are canceled claims. Claims 17-24 are new claims. Support for new Claims 17 and 20 is found in the last paragraph on page 15. Support for new Claims 18 and 21 is found in the last paragraph on page 27. Support for new Claims 19 and 22 is found throughout the specification, in particular, the first full paragraph on page 17. Support for new Claims 23 and 24 is found in the original claims.

No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

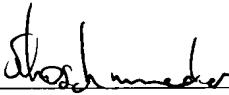
REMARKS

The claim identifier for claim 1 of the Amendment filed on January 4, 2008 has been changed to Previously Presented. The Discussion of the Amendment section of the Amendment filed on January 4, 2008 has been changed to correctly identify the currently pending claims.

For the reasons discussed in the Amendment filed on January 4, 2008, Applicants submit that the presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection and the passage of all now-pending claims to allowance.

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